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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL CALLS ON GOVERNING MAYOR

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1. SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV ACCOMPANIED BY THREE CONSULS
CALLED ON GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ AT SCHOENEBERG RATHAUS SEPTEMBER
28 FOLLOWING REFTEL SCENARIO. AFTER MEETING, SHARKOV
TOLD PRESS THAT ATMOSPHERE WAS POSITIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE,
AND THAT HE AND SCHUETZ DISCUSSED POSSIBLE COOPERATION
BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND WEST BERLIN. SHARKOV HANDLED
QUESTIONS ABOUT FRG FLAG BY SAYING THAT PROCEDURE IN
CALL WAS AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE WITH SENAT.

2. ONLY UNTOWARD IN INCIDENTS WERE ANONYMOUS BOMB THREAT
FEW HOURS BEFORE MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION BY SMALL
GROUP FROM JUNGE UNION AND JEWISH GROUP OUTSIDE RATHAUS. PRESS,
AS EXPECTED, WAS OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS TO COVER VISIT.

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3. PETER HERZ, SENAT CHANCELLERY HEAD, TOLD MISSION
OFFICER THAT BULK OF SHARKOV-SCHUETZ EXCHANGE
CONCERNED POSSIBLE SOVIET CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN
WEST BERLIN. HERZ AND OTHER SENAT OFFICIALS PORTRAYED
SOVIET CONSULATE GERERAL AS COMPETITOR OF SOVIET
EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN AND CLAIMED NOW THAT SHARKOV
HAD CALLED ON SCHUETZ, SENAT WOULD BE BETTER ABLE
TO FEND OFF SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS. THIS WOULD APPEAR
TO BE CASE OF TRIUMPH OF HOPE OVER EXPERIENCE; HERZ
HAS APPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR
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